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To : Chairman and Members of the
Builth Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Sanitary Conditions and the state of the Public Health in the Urban District during the year 1967.

In the report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine, and I have included comments of the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/68(Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and cooperation in all matters affecting Public Health. Also the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters appertaining to the duties of the Health Department.

I am,

Mr Chairman and Members,

Your Obedient Servant.

Creighton E. Edwards.
B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health

Officers of the Public Health Department

Medical Officer of Health	-	C.E. Edwards, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
Public Health Inspector	-	Mr J.E. Morgan. M.P.H.I.A., M.R.S.H.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Population ; (Registrar Generals' estimate) = 1,590.

Acreage : - 701 acres.

Rateable Value as at 1st April 1967 - £44,507.

<u>Product of a Penny Rate</u> :	Actual 1966/67	-	£173 .17 .1
	(Est) 1967/68	-	£176 . 6 .0

<u>Rate in the Pound</u> ;	1966/67	-	15/1d
	1967/68	-	16/4d

Water Rate : 2/1d in the £.Domestic.

Total number of Domestic Dwellings : - 534

Total number of Council Houses in the Domestic Dwelling figure - 93

SECTION A

	Builth U.D.C.			Breconshire County Council
<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
No. of Legitimate Live Births	11	14	25	700
No. of Illegitimate Live Births	1	-	1	36
Total Live Births	12	14	26	736
Births Rate per 1000 Pop. 1967(Crude)			16.4	13.57
" " " "(Correct)			20.6	15.06
Registrar Generals Comparability Factor			1.26	1.11
No. of Still Births Legitimate	1	-	1	16
No. of Still Births Illegitimate	-	-	-	-
Still Births Rate per 1000 Live & Still Births -			37	21.27
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births -			3.8	4.89
Total Live and Still Births			27	752
<u>DEATHS</u>				
Total No of Deaths	12	21	33	703
Crude Death rate per 1000 of Pop.			20.8	12.96
Registrar Comparability Factor			0.79	0.89
Corrected Death Rate per 1000 Pop.			16.4	11.5
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths from Maternal Causes			NIL	NIL
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live & Still Births			NIL	NIL

VITAL STATISTICS

(Continued)

	Builth U.D.C.			Breconshire County Council
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 years of age : -				
Legitimate	-	-	-	8
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			NIL	12.22
Total:				
Legitimate			Nil	10.86
Illegitimate			Nil	1.35
<u>NEO NATAL MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 4 Weeks of age :				
Legitimate	-	-	NIL	6
Illegitimate	-	-	NIL	1
Total			NIL	7
Neo Natal Mortality rate per 1000 Live Births			Nil	9.51
<u>EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths of infants under 1 week of age:				
Legitimate	-	-	NIL	6
Illegitimate	-	-	Nil	1
Total			NIL	7
Early Neo Natal Mortality rate per 1000 Live Births			NIL	9.51
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age, plus No. of Still Births			NIL	7
No. of Still Births	1	-	1	16
Perinatal Mortality Rate			37	31.25
<u>CANCER DEATHS</u>				
No. of Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms & Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	2	3	89
Cancer Death Rate			1.89	1.64

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-
2. Tuberculosis (Other forms)	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective or Parasitic Diseases	-	1
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	-
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	-
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	-
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	-	2
15. Leukaemia & Aleukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous Systems	-	2
18. Coronary Diseases, Angina	4	5
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-
20. Other Heart Disease	3	9
21. Other Circulatory Disease	-	-
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	-	-
24. Bronchitis	2	-
25. Other Disease of Respiratory System	-	-
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis, & Diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	-	-
32. Other Defined & Ill Defined Diseases	1	1
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-
34. Suicide	-	-
35. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-
36. All Other Accidents	-	1
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ALL CAUSES	12	21

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

Public Health Officers

Mr J.E.Morgan remained as your Public Health Inspector during the year.

Laboratory Facilities

During the year laboratory facilities were available at Cardiff, Newport, Carmarthen, Swansea, Builth and Brecon. Water samples were sent to the Public Analyst for the County of Carmarthen, whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious disease was performed by the Public Health Laboratory at Cardiff and Carmarthen.

Nursing and other Facilities

The County Council is responsible for the ambulance and nursing services. The County also administers the maternity and child welfare clinics where treatment is available for minor ailments, dental, eye, and orthopaedic defects. Immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough is also carried out at these clinics.

Hospitals.

The hospital needs of the residents for all diseases apart from infectious diseases are provided by the Builth Wells Hospital. The arrangements for the treatment of infectious disease remain the same as in previous years. Merthyr Borough Council treat the patients from the district suffering from infectious disease at Mardy Isolation Hospital. These arrangements are proving extremely satisfactory. For the treatment of smallpox arrangements have been made at the Penrhys Hospital, Rhondda.

SECTION C

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifications

The following cases other than Tuberculosis were notified during 1967:

<u>Disease</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>
Measles	47
Scarlet Fever	Nil
Whooping Cough	Nil

Tuberculosis a schedule of new cases and removals from the Register is given below.

New Cases				Removals from the Register			
Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-

Number of cases remaining on Register at 31st December 1967

Respiratory			Non Respiratory		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total
4	2	6	-	2	2

SCHOOLS No schools were closed during 1967, in consequence of infective diseases.

Venereal Disease

The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea for the treatment of these cases. The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supply

The Water supplying the town is obtained from two main sources - an impounding reservoir at Tycapel, and the Hengwm Springs. The main supply gravitates to a High Pressure Filter plant for screening before chlorination and storage in an underground reservoir. During last year the Radnor and North Breconshire Water Board was constituted and the function of the Builth Wells U.D.C. as a water authority ceased.

Water Samples

Two samples of water were submitted for analysis and in each case the reports were satisfactory.

Sewers and Drainage.

The sewer system of the town discharges crude sewage into the River Wye via two outfalls. A scheme for the construction of a new sewage works to take the sewage from the town and the areas of Llanelwedd and Oaklands has been prepared, and is being installed by Contractors working under Consulting Engineers.

Number of houses not connected to main sewer	10
Number of houses connected to septic tanks	9
Number of houses served by earth closets	1
Number of inspections concerned with drainage.....	3

Public Cleansing

Household and trade refuse is collected once per week, and this frequency of service is considered adequate. The refuse is stored in bins and other containers which are placed on the kerbside to await collection. The disposal of refuse is by tipping at the Caeau Farm. The cleansing of highways is carried out jointly by this Council and the County Council. A mechanical suction cleaner traverses the main streets twice weekly while the secondary roads are swept once per week. Litter baskets are placed liberally throughout the main streets and Public open spaces.

Sanitary Inspection of the area

The sanitary inspection of the area was undertaken by the Public Health Inspector. The following are details :

Nuisances.

Number of complaints received	6
Number of complaints investigated	6
Number of premises inspected	6
Number of premises revisited	5
Number of preliminary notices served.....	5

Sanitary Circumstances - Cont'd

Houses let in Lodgings

It is not considered that any of the houses in the district are of such a nature as to require control under Section 6 of the Housing Act, 1936.

Offensive Trades There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Licensed Premises There are 10 licensed premises in the area which supply food and alcholic beverages to the public. There are 2 licensed clubs.
The general standard of the sanitary conveniences in the licensed premises are good.

Number of visits made by Public Health Inspector10
Number of notices servedNil.

Shops Act Number of inspections made9

Camping Sites.. There is no recognised camping site in the district.

Tents, Vans and Sheds

There is no problem under this section.

Number of visits made3

Eradication of Bed Bugs and steps taken to combat infestation.

Number of premises infested.....0

Rodent Control

The work of infesting and treating infested premises is carried out by a Council Workman. The Caeau Farm refuse tip was treated regularly with good poison bait takes. The sewers were twice flushed out to assist in the control of infestations. Test baits in the manholes revealed no infestations..

Number of premises inspected during the year.14
Number of premises found infested.....10
Number of premises treated by rodent operator 13
Number of premises treated by occupier2

Legal Proceedings. No legal proceedings were undertaken during the year.

SECTION E

HOUSING.

A scheme for the construction of 20 bungalows for the aged is in progress. Three houses were built for private occupation during the year.

Improvement Grants

Three Standard Grants were approved, one discretionary grant was applied for.

Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 =1932

1.Number of houses on inspection found to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
2.Number of houses the defects in which were remedied by informal action	One
3.Number of representations made with a view to making of Demolition or Closing Orders	Nil
4.Number of Notices served requiring the execution of works.....	Nil
5.Number of Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	Nil
6.Number of Demolition or Closing Orders made	Nil
7.Number of undertakings accepted	Nil
8.Number of houses demolished	Nil
9.Number of Closing Orders determined	Nil

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.1963

The following particulars show the work done under this new act.

<u>Registrations</u>	<u>Number of persons employed</u>
Offices11	66
Retail Shops28	109
Wholesale shops..... - 2.....	15
Warehouses.....	
Catering Establishments..5	32
Fuel Storage Depots0	0

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool continues to be well patronised. There is one prefabricated swimming pool in the area, and one paddling pool in the area. The water supply is filtered and chlorinated.

SECTION F

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk.

All milk sold in the district bears a special designation, and sampling and supervision is carried out by the County Council, and the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food.

Meat and other Foods.

There is no slaughterhouse operating within the area. The local butchers mainly obtain their meat from the slaughterhouse in the Rural District adjoining, but one butcher obtains supplies direct from Gloucester.

Other Foods Condemned

Small quantities of tinned foods were surrendered as unfit.

Smithfield Market

Work is proceeding on extension to the Smithfield Market, to cost 15,500, and includes new covered accommodation for cows and calves, with a sale ring.

Food Preparation Rooms(including bakehouses)

Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector6
Number of Notices served.....Nil

Fried Fish Shops

Number of visits made by Public Health Inspector.....4
There are two Fried Fish Shops in the town.

Byelaws under Section 13, Food and Drugs Act, 1938

The number of food premises by type were : Licensed Hotels...10,
Food Shops 32, Cafes and Unlicensed Hotels12, Fish and Chip
Shops ,.....2, and 2 Bakehouses.

APPENDIX.

Factories Act 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1967,
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF BUILTH WELLS IN THE COUNTY OF BRECONSHIRE.

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories
Act 1937

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health(including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i. Factories in which Sect.1,23,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	5	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	18	12		
iii. Other premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority(excl:out-workers prems)	-	-	-	-
Total :	19	17	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two,three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two,three or more cases).

	Number of Cases in which defects were found				No. of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to HM Inspector	by HM Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (s.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (s.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (s.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (s.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(s.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable/defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the act(not including offences relating to Out work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total :	-	-	-	-	-

Part VIII Outwork(Sects 110 & 111) No outwork was done in the district during the year.

Yours faithfully,

Creighton E Edwards

Medical Officer of Health

